

# **Resourceful Bean**

**Grade Level**: 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> **Topic**: Soybeans **Estimated Time**: 50 minutes

**Brief Lesson Description**: Explore renewable and non-renewable resources through an investigation of soy-based materials. First, students will learn the steps a soybean takes from farm to final product. Then, students will carry out a test to observe differences between a soy crayon and a petroleum-based crayon. Finally, students will assist in making their own soy-based lip balm. Throughout the lesson, agricultural career connections are made and Michigan agriculture facts are shared.

## **Next Generation Science Standards:**

## **Performance Expectation(s):**

- **3-5ETS1-3**: Plan and carry out fair tests in which variables are controlled and failure points are considered to identify aspects of a model or prototype that can be improved.
- **4-ESS3-1:** Obtain and combine information to describe that energy and fuels are derived from natural resources and their uses affect the environment.
- **5-ESS3-1:** Obtain and combine information about ways individual communities use science ideas to protect the Earth's resources and environment.
- **5-PS1-4:** Conduct an investigation to determine whether the mixing of two or more substances results in new substances.
- **5-PS1-2:** Measure and graph quantities to provide evidence that regardless of the type of change that occurs when heating, cooling, or mixing substances, the total weight of matter is conserved.

## National Agricultural Literacy Outcomes:

- **T2.3-5 b:** Distinguish between renewable and non-renewable resources used in the production of food, feed, fuel, fiber (fabric or clothing) and shelter.
- T4.3-5 d: Provide examples of science being applied in farming for food, clothing, and shelter products.
- **T5.3-5 b:** Discover that there are many jobs in agriculture.
- **T5.3-5 d:** Explain the value of agriculture and how it is important in daily life.

## **Specific Learning Outcomes**

#### Students will:

- 1. Arrange the processing steps of a soybean from farm to final product.
- 2. Compare petroleum and plant-based crayons by running a series of tests and comparing the results.
- **3.** Identify renewable and nonrenewable resources.
- **4.** Name two careers involved in the making of soy-based materials.
- 5. Predict changes in states of matter when a solid is heated or cooled.

### Narrative / Background Information

#### **Prior Student Knowledge**

- 1. Students should be familiar with:
  - a. Basic role of a farmer
  - b. Plants are living organisms
  - c. Basic role of a scientist